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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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SUBJECT: BANANAS

REF: STATE 79229

1. MIN ECONOMY BENNATON TOLD US YESTERDAY THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING APRIL 18 GOH DECIDED UPON "FLEXIBLE" TAX ON EXPORT BANANAS. ACCORDING TO PARTIAL INFORMATION GOH WILL HAVE DECREE PROVIDING FOR VARIABLE TAX RANGING FROM 1 CENT PER POUND TO 2.5 CENTS PER POUND. DATE OF APPLICATION OF TAX IN HONDURAS, BENNATON STATED, WOULD BE WEEK OF APRIL 21. AMOUNT OF TAX, HE STATED, TO BE 50 CENTS OR 60 CENTS PER BOX OF 40 POUNDS.

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2. BENNATON ALSO ADVISED EMBOFFS ABOUT CONVERSATIONS HELD WITH UNITED FRUIT AND STANDARD FRUIT. HE STATED PERSONAL VIEW THAT FORMER COOPERATIVE BUT STANDARD STILL "VERY HARD."

3. BENNATON ALSO STATED MOVE BEING COORDINATED WITH COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA (AND PERHAPS OTHERS).

4. EXPANSION AND CONFIRMATION OF ABOVE DATA BEING SOUGHT BY EMBASSY.

5. BENNATON SAID CABINET WAS INFORMED EARLY EASTERDAY OF FRED FIELD'S TELEGRAM ON BEHALF OF INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMAN'S UNION, WHICH THREATENED REPRISALS AGAINST ALL BANANA PRODUCING COUNTRIES. (DEPTTEL 79229). BENNATON TALKED TO FONMIN BATRES IN WASHINGTON IN COURSE OF DAY, WHO TOLD HIM THAT TELEGRAM HAD CAUSED IKAP ANDMDZR # VD # TMENT AMONG LA FONMINS. BATRES ALSO SAID THAT THEY HAD CONTACTED ANDY MCLELLAN OF AFL/CIO WHO STATED MESSAGE HAD NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY AFL/CIO, AND THAT THREATS COULD NOT BE EXECUTED WITHOUT APPROVAL OF PARENT BODY.

6. COMMENT: DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT OF SURCHARGE LEVEL AND "FLEXIBILITY" ARE DOUBTLESS RESULTS OF OPPOSITION TO MEASURE BY MIN FINANCE ACOSTA BONILLA. ITS RATHER PROMPT ENACTMENT MAY HAVE BEEN STIMULATED BY DKJLDJPS# TACTLESS TELEGRAM. SANCHEZ

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